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**CLAIM + DETAILED DESCRIPTION**

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**[Claim(s)]**

[Claim 1] A separate roller arranged on a driving shaft.

A pickup arm provided by using this driving shaft as a fulcrum so that rotation is possible.

A pickup roller provided at a tip of this pickup arm so that rotation is possible.

A shutter provided from a regulated position which is located in the middle of said pickup roller and said separate roller, and regulates a tip of a manuscript so that rocking is possible.

Are the sheet feeding device provided with the above, provide a drive member which drives a shutter, and, [ this drive member ] When there is no manuscript, a position which is interlocked with a pickup arm and descends a shutter is operated, when there is a manuscript, linkage with a pickup arm and a shutter is canceled, and it was made to raise a shutter by an elastic member.

[Claim 2] The sheet feeding device according to claim 1 providing a regulating member which regulates rotation of said shutter.

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**[Detailed Description of the Invention]**

[0001]

[Field of the Invention] This invention relates to the sheet feeding device of the automatic manuscript conveying machine used for a facsimile machine, a copy device, etc.

[0002]

[Description of the Prior Art] Conventionally, in the automatic manuscript conveying machine, when a manuscript inserts, in order that a user may prevent inrush to paper mackerel \*\*\*\*\* (a separate roller and littered roller) and may perform the stable paper feeding, the shutter is arranged in the mid-position of a pickup roller and paper mackerel \*\*\*\*\*. And a shutter is

constituted so that a pickup arm may always be interlocked with mechanistically, and you make it rocking operation of this pickup arm interlocked with, and rise-and-fall operation of a shutter is made to be performed. In order to make it go up so that a shutter may be estranged from a manuscript tip, it constituted so that the rotation fulcrum of a shutter might serve as a pickup roller and the same axle.

[0003]

[Problem to be solved by the invention]if the shutter is always mechanistically interlocked with the pickup arm as mentioned above -- many -- when several sheets of paper is inserted, a pickup roller (pickup arm) falls and the problem that width is small and a shutter does not fully go up occurs. The shutter also moved up and down in connection with moving up and down, whenever a pickup roller sends one manuscript, and there were also problems -- a manuscript will be damaged in the middle of manuscript conveyance. If the rotation fulcrum of a shutter is provided in a pickup roller and the same axle as mentioned above, the arm which connects a rotation fulcrum and a shutter main part will become short, and a rotation angle range required for rise and fall of a shutter will become large. Therefore, when raising a shutter, in order to keep the tip from contacting the axis of a separate roller, the space from the axis of a pickup roller to the axis of a separate roller needed to be secured enough, but it was difficult to secure such a space.

[0004]

[Means for solving problem]The issue which is going to solve this invention is like the above, and a means for next solving this SUBJECT is explained. Namely, a separate roller arranged on a driving shaft in Claim 1, A pickup arm provided by using this driving shaft as a fulcrum so that rotation is possible, A pickup roller provided at a tip of this pickup arm so that rotation is possible, It is the sheet feeding device provided with a shutter provided from a regulated position which is located in the middle of said pickup roller and said separate roller, and regulates a tip of a manuscript so that rocking is possible, Provide a drive member which drives a shutter and, [ this drive member ] When there is no manuscript, a position which is interlocked with a pickup arm and descends a shutter is operated, when there is a manuscript, linkage with a pickup arm and a shutter is canceled, and it is made to raise a shutter by an elastic member.

[0005]In Claim 2, a regulating member which regulates rotation of said shutter is provided.

[0006]

[Mode for carrying out the invention]The automatic manuscript conveying machine (following ADF device) 1 provided with the sheet feeding device 2 of this invention is explained using drawing 1 and drawing 2. Drawing 1 is a side sectional view of ADF device 1 in which the state where the shutter 21 descended is shown, and drawing 2 is a side sectional view of ADF device 1 in which the state where the shutter 21 went up is shown. ADF device 1 with which

image forming devices, such as a facsimile machine and a copy device, are equipped is shown in [drawing 1](#) and [drawing 2](#). This ADF device 1 comprises the upside sheet feeding device 2 and the lower conveying machine 3. The inner guide 41 is allocated in the upper surface of this conveying machine 3, and installation of the manuscript bunch 5 is enabled on the right part (manuscript loading slot 1a to ADF device 1) of this inner guide 41, and a supply tray (not shown) which stands in a row in it. And one sheet dissociates at a time with the sheet feeding device 2, it feeds with the manuscript bunch 5 laid on the inner guide 41, and the manuscript 5a is made to be conveyed in ADF device 1 inside.

[0007]The manuscript conveyance way is provided in ADF device 1, and the manuscript 5a in which the inside of this manuscript conveyance way is sent is made to be read in the halfway part of this manuscript conveyance way by the manuscript reading section (not shown) allocated under said conveying machine. The manuscript 5a after being read is discharged to the discharge tray (not shown) which stands in a row in the right part (manuscript outlet 1b to ADF device 1) of the outer guide 45. Said manuscript conveyance way is formed of the outer guide 40 provided in the undersurface of the sheet feeding device 2, the inner guides 41, 42, 43, and 44 provided in the conveying machine 3, and outer guide 45 grade. And in order to enable conveyance of the manuscript 5a, the littered roller 33 and the feed roller 34\*\*35\*\*36 grade are arranged along the manuscript conveyance way. These rollers are driving rollers and the feed rollers 34, 35, and 36 are rotating to the direction (the following manuscript feed direction) which conveys the manuscript 5a into ADF device 1. Although the littered roller 33 is rotating the manuscript 5a to the direction [ backward feed / direction / loading slot / 1a / manuscript ], the manuscript 5a is conveyed by operation of the separate roller 6 formed in the sheet feeding device 2 into ADF device 1 so that it may mention later.

[0008]Next, said sheet feeding device 2 is explained. The sheet feeding device 2 is equipped with the manuscript \*\*\*\*\* mechanism and the shutter mechanism, and a manuscript \*\*\*\*\* mechanism is first explained using [drawing 3](#) from [drawing 1](#). [Drawing 3](#) is a top view of the important section of the sheet feeding device 2 in which the state where the shutter 21 descended is shown. The power of the motor which is not illustrated is transmitted via a gear etc., he is trying to drive the driving shaft 4, and the separate roller 6 is arranged on this driving shaft 4. This separate roller 6 feeds with the manuscript 5a by rotation to the manuscript feed direction of the driving shaft 4. The pickup arms 7 and 8 are formed in the both sides of the separate roller 6 by using the driving shaft 4 as a fulcrum, enabling free rotation, and the pickup roller 9 is formed at the tip of these pickup arms 7 and 8 so that rotation is possible. Between the pickup arm 7 and said outer guide 40, the elastic member 10 formed by a spring etc. is infixed, and he is trying to energize the pickup arm 7 (and pickup roller 9) upwards by using the driving shaft 4 as a fulcrum.

[0009]The separate roller 6 is attached to the driving shaft 4 via the one-way clutch 11, and

when the separate roller 6 rotates in the direction (the manuscript feed direction), he is trying to make it to rotate the separate roller 6 in the manuscript feed direction by rotation of this driving shaft 4, and idle. The gear 12 is fixed to the separate roller 6 on the same axle, and he is trying for the separate roller 6 and the gear 12 to rotate in one. The gear 13 is fixed also to said pickup roller 9 on the same axle, and he is trying for the pickup roller 9 and the gear 13 to rotate in one. And the belt 14 is wound around the gear 12 and the gear 13, and rotation of the driving shaft 4 is made to be transmitted also to the pickup roller 9.

[0010]The torque limiting circuit 15 is formed between the gear 13 and said pickup arm 7, and the gear 13 is having rotation restricted in response to the load torque by the torque limiting circuit 15. And if the torque more than the load torque (marginal torque) restricted by this torque limiting circuit 15 is added to the gear 13, this gear 13 will rotate to the pickup arm 7. If the driving shaft 4 begins rotation, torque is delivered that it mentioned above to the gear 13, and the gear 13 tends to rotate, but rotation of this gear 13 is restricted by the load torque by the torque limiting circuit 15. On the other hand, as mentioned above, the pickup arm 7 is formed to the driving shaft 4, enabling free rotation. For this reason, as for the torque of the driving shaft 4, that rotation is turned to the easy pickup arm 7 as compared with rotation of the gear 13. Therefore, the pickup arm 7 carries out downward rotation by using the driving shaft 4 as a fulcrum, it is fixed relatively to the pickup arm 7, and the gear 13 does not rotate. As a result, the pickup roller 9 descends according to downward rotation of the pickup arm 7. As the descending pickup roller 9 shows drawing 2, when the manuscript bunch 5 is contacted, the pickup arm 7 cannot descend any more. As a result, all the torque of the driving shaft 4 is turned to the gear 13, and the torque added to this gear 13 from the driving shaft 4 exceeds the load torque restricted by the torque limiting circuit 15 in this case. Therefore, the gear 13 rotates to the pickup arm 7, and the pickup roller 9 rotates.

[0011]That is, when the driving shaft 4 rotates in the manuscript feed direction, the pickup arm 7 is dropped until the one-way clutch 11 is engaged, the torque of said driving shaft 4 is transmitted to the separate roller 6 and the gear 12 and the pickup roller 9 contacts the manuscript bunch 5 as a result. And if the pickup roller 9 contacts the manuscript bunch 5, the torque more than said marginal torque will be added to the gear 13, the pickup roller 9 will rotate, and the manuscript 5a located in the best of the manuscript bunch 5 will be rounded into ADF device 1.

[0012]When the driving shaft 4 reverse-rotates to the manuscript feed direction, the engaging of clutch of the one-way clutch 11 is canceled, and power transfer on the separate roller 6 and the gear 12 is intercepted. Therefore, torque is not transmitted to the pickup arm 7, either, but this pickup arm 7 is rotated upwards according to the energizing force of said elastic member 10. As mentioned later, it is a time of rounding the manuscript bunch 5 into ADF device 1 altogether, and the manuscript also of one sheet being lost to the inner guide 41 that the

driving shaft 4 reverse-rotates.

[0013]As shown in drawing 2, the manuscript 5a rounded with the pickup roller 9 in ADF device 1 inner side is first conveyed between the separate roller 6 and said littered roller 33. Paper mackerel \*\*\*\*\* comprises the separate roller 6 and the littered roller 33, and he is trying for this paper mackerel \*\*\*\*\* to feed said paper path at a time with the one manuscript 5a conveyed from the pickup roller 9 side as follows. At the time of conveyance of the manuscript 5a, to the separate roller 6 rotating in the manuscript feed direction, the littered roller 33 rotates to an opposite direction, as mentioned above. The littered roller 33 is formed in the driving shaft of this roller via the torque limiting circuit, and when the torque more than fixed is added, it enables it to rotate it freely to this driving shaft. The separate roller 6 is welded by pressure to the littered roller 33, when not inserting a manuscript among both rollers, or when only the one manuscript 5a is inserted, the littered roller 33 is taken to the separate roller 6, and the surroundings carry out it, and it rotates it in the manuscript feed direction. This is because said torque limiting circuit is canceled, when the torque of rotation of the separate roller 6 is added to the littered roller 33.

[0014]The separate roller 6 and the littered roller 33 are allocating the member with a big coefficient of friction of rubber etc. in the perimeter. And he is trying for the frictional force committed between those rollers and manuscripts 5a to become large from the frictional force committed between manuscript 5a and 5a. for this reason, the manuscripts 5a and 5a of two or more sheets -- backward feed [ the littered roller 33 / one / lowest / in the conveyed manuscript of two or more sheets / side / said / manuscript loading slot 1a ] without taking to the separate roller 6 and the surroundings' carrying out when ... has been conveyed by paper mackerel \*\*\*\*\*. thus, the manuscripts 5a and 5a of two or more sheets -- even when ... is rounded with the pickup roller 9 in ADF device 1 inner side, said paper mackerel \*\*\*\*\* dissociates and the manuscript conveyance way is made to be fed only with the manuscript 5a of one sheet.

[0015]Although the manuscript 5a with which the manuscript conveyance way was fed from paper mackerel \*\*\*\*\* is conveyed by said feed roller 34, the revolving speed of the feed roller 34 is set up here more greatly than the revolving speed of the separate roller 6. Therefore, the separate roller 6 is taken, and the surroundings carry out it, and it rotates at the feed roller 34 and the speed until the back end of the manuscript 5a will have escaped from the separate roller 6, if the tip of the manuscript 5a results even in the feed roller 34 as shown in drawing 7. When the separate roller 6 rotates at the feed roller 34 and the speed so that it may mention above, the separate roller 6 will rotate in the manuscript feed direction relatively to the driving shaft 4. In such a case, as mentioned above, said one-way clutch 11 is cut, and the pickup arm 7 begins rotation upwards. That is, by the pickup roller's 9 once going up, estranging from the manuscript bunch 5, and setting between a little, if a manuscript is supplied to the feed roller 34, the pickup roller 9 will descend again and the back end of the manuscript 5a will perform

\*\*\*\*\* of the following manuscript 5a, after the separate roller 6 falls out.

[0016]Next, said shutter mechanism is explained. The axis 16 is allocated in ADF device 1 inner side rather than the driving shaft 4, and this axis 16 is formed in a casing of ADF device 1, enabling free rotation. The engaging member 17, the hanging member 18, and the drive members 19 and 19 are fixed to the axis 16, respectively, and these members are rotated in one with the axis 16. The support member 46 is fixed on said outer guide 40, and the elastic member 20 formed by a spring etc. is infixed between this support member 46 and said hanging member 18. He is trying for this elastic member 20 to make energizing force of a direction in which the drive members 19 and 19 carry out upper part rotation by using the axis 16 as a fulcrum always act.

[0017]The shutter 21 is formed in the manuscript loading slot 1a side of the drive member 19, enabling free rotation to a casing of ADF device 1. The shutter 21 is installed in said casing with the rocking lever shaft 21a, and fixes the arm 21b towards the separate roller 6 side from this rocking lever shaft 21a. One end of the supporting spindle 21c is fixed at a tip of this arm 21b, and the shutter part 21d is fixed to the other end of the supporting spindle 21c. He is trying to locate the shutter part 21d in the middle of the pickup roller 9 and the separate roller 6 by side view, as shown in drawing 5. The guide rail 19a is formed at a tip of the drive member 19, and it is supposed for said supporting spindle 21c to be inserted in this guide rail 19a that it is slidable. And he is trying for the shutter 21 to rotate up and down, letting the supporting spindle 21c slide along with the guide rail 19a with up-and-down rotation of the drive member 19. The shutter 21 is energized up via the drive member 19 by said elastic member 20 by composition above.

[0018]As mainly shown in drawing 3, the projection part 8a is formed in the axis 16 side of said pickup arm 8, and the piece 22 of engaging of clutch is fixed to this projection part 8a. On the other hand, the engagement part 17a is projected and formed in said engaging member 17. And the piece 22 of engaging of clutch and the engagement part 17a are engaged, the engaging member 17 uses the axis 16 as a fulcrum, and it enables it to rotate by rotation of the circumference of the driving shaft 4 of the pickup arms 7 and 8. Since the engaging member 17 and said drive member 19 are constituted so that it may rotate in one as above-mentioned, they also rotate the drive member 19 by rotation of this engaging member 17. And the shutter 21 rotates by rotation of the drive member 19. The shape of the engaging member 17 is not limited to the above-mentioned composition, cuts and lacks a part of cylindrical member, for example, and it may be made for said piece of engaging of clutch to be engaged by a notch.

[0019]The mechanism for regulating rotation of the shutter 21 is explained using drawing 4. Drawing 4 is a side sectional view of the sheet feeding device 2 in which the rotation regulation state of the shutter 21 is shown. By drawing 4, illustration of the hanging member 18 and the elastic member 20 is omitted from drawing 5 and below-mentioned drawing 6. As shown in

drawing 4 from drawing 1, the regulating member 23 for regulating rotation of the shutter 21 is formed in said support member 46. The regulating member 23 is provided with the solenoid and is enabling the attitude of the core 24 by OFF-ON of the electric power to this solenoid. The hanging member 25 of plane view L type is fixed to the front of the core 24, and the long hole which enables the slide contact of the axis 16 is established in this hanging member 25. Even if the core 24 moves, he is trying not to cause position gap to the axis 16 by the hanging member 25 being hung on the axis 16 in said long hole. The tooth is formed in the base part of the shape of L type of said hanging member 25 in the shape of a straight line, and the rack part 25a is formed in it. The tooth is circularly formed in the end by the side of the regulating member 23 of the drive member 19, and the tooth part 19b is formed. And the tooth part 19b has geared with the rack part 25a in the state (OFF state) where electric power is not supplied to the regulating member 23. For this reason, in the state where the core 24 has projected, in order not to carry out position gap of the core 24 at the same time the aforementioned engagement is performed, as for the drive member 19, rotation is regulated. As for the shutter 21 which is in slide contact with the drive member 19, rotation will be regulated in connection with this. If the regulating member 23 drives (ON state), the core 24 will retreat to regulating member 23 inner side, and engagement with the rack part 25a and the tooth part 19b will separate. And rotation regulation of the shutter 21 is also canceled.

[0020]The situation of up-and-down rocking of the shutter 21 is explained using drawing 7 from drawing 5. Drawing 5 is a side sectional view of the sheet feeding device 2 in case the pickup arms 7 and 8 are in the best position, drawing 6 is a side sectional view of the sheet feeding device 2 when the pickup arms 7 and 8 march in and it is in a position, and drawing 7 is a side sectional view of the sheet feeding device 2 in case the pickup arms 7 and 8 are in the mid-position. In the state where the sheet feeding device 2 is not operating, the pickup arms 7 and 8 are standing by in the best position in the range which can rotate. The shutter 21 is descending at this time and the tip of said shutter part 21d is stopped by the crevice provided in the inner guide 41 upper surface. Thereby, even if the manuscript bunch 5 is inserted from said manuscript loading slot 1a, the shutter 21 is hung and it does not rotate. Let the position of the shutter 21 at this time be a regulated position in the following explanation. If \*\*\*\*\* of the manuscript bunch 5 is started, the pickup arms 7 and 8 will descend, and as shown in drawing 6, the pickup roller 9 will contact the upper surface of the manuscript bunch 5. With descent of the pickup arms 7 and 8, the engaging of clutch of said engaging member 17 and said piece 22 of engaging of clutch separates, the drive member 19 goes up by energization of the elastic member 20, and the shutter 21 also goes up in connection with it. The position of the pickup arms 7 and 8 at this time is rounded, consider it as a position, and let the position of the shutter 21 be a position in readiness. And if the feed roller 34 side is fed with the manuscript 5a of one sheet, as mentioned above, the separate roller 6 will take, the surroundings will carry out, the

one-way clutch 11 will be cut, and the pickup arms 7 and 8 will go up. If the rotation to the manuscript feed direction of the driving shaft 4 is continued and the back end of the previous manuscript 5a leaves the separate roller 6 at this time, the one-way clutch 11 will be connected again and the pickup arms 7 and 8 will begin descent. This manuscript bunch 5 marches in and he is trying for said shutter 21 to stop to a position in readiness in spite of rise and fall of the pickup arms 7 and 8 as mentioned above by changing said regulating member 23 into an OFF state during work. If only a quantity predetermined in the pickup arms 7 and 8 rises, said engaging member 17 and said piece 22 of engaging of clutch tend to be engaged, and also the pickup arms 7 and 8 which are going to go up specifically tend to rotate the axis 16 via the engaging member 17, but. Rotation of the axis 16 is prevented by engagement with said rack and a tooth part, and the shutter 21 does not descend by it. The pickup arms 7 and 8 go up only a predetermined height, and let the position where the engaging member 17 and the piece 22 of engaging of clutch are engaged be the mid-position of the pickup arms 7 and 8. A manuscript marches in and the pickup arms 7 and 8 do not have said thing [ marching in, rocking between a position and this mid-position, and going up to said best position ] during work. and the manuscripts 5a and 5a which constitute the manuscript bunch 5 -- after being fed with all ... into ADF device 1, marching in and completing work, the pickup arms 7 and 8 begin a rise towards said best position. Since said regulating member 23 is made into an ON state and regulation of the shutter 21 is canceled, after marching in and completing work here, If the drive member 19 will drive, the shutter 21 will be dropped, if the pickup arms 7 and 8 arrive at said mid-position, and the pickup arms 7 and 8 arrive at the best position, the shutter 21 will arrive at said regulated position.

[0021]Next, the pickup arms 7 and 8 at the time of manuscript \*\*\*\*\* and a situation of a drive of the shutter 21 are explained using drawing 8. Drawing 8 is a procedure flow chart of shutter mechanism operation. In a dormant state (state which is not operating) of the sheet feeding device 2, as shown in drawing 4, the shutter 21 descends, and is located in a regulated position, and the pickup arms 7 and 8 are located in the best position. The core 24 has projected the regulating member 23 in the state of OFF, and rotation of the shutter 21 is regulated. In this state, a user lays the manuscript bunch 5 on said inner guide 41, and dashes and sets the manuscript bunch 5 to the shutter 21 (Step 101).

[0022]If the start key is pressed from this state, it marches in to the sheet feeding device 2 and a start is directed, first, the regulating member 23 will be in an ON state, the core 24 retreats to regulating member 23 inner side, and it will be in the state which shows in drawing 1 and drawing 5 of which rotation regulation of the drive member 19 and the shutter 21 was canceled (Step 102). Subsequently, the driving shaft 4 drives and the pickup arms 7 and 8 start descent from the best position, as shown in drawing 6, it marches in, and it arrives at a position. The shutter 21 goes up simultaneously and arrives at the position in readiness shown in drawing 6.

After this shutter 21 has arrived at the position in readiness, it changes the regulating member 23 into an OFF state, and rotation of the shutter 21 is regulated. In Step 104 mentioned later, this is to prevent the shutter 21 from a rise of the pickup arms 7 and 8 being interlocked with, and descending. And the pickup roller 9 drives and \*\*\*\*\* of the manuscript 5a is started from the manuscript bunch 5 (Step 103).

[0023]Manuscripts 5a and 5a ... When \*\*\*\*\* is performed, as shown in drawing 6 and drawing 7, the pickup arms 7 and 8 are rounded and are rocked up and down between a position and the mid-position. As mentioned above in detail, after the manuscript 5a reaches the feed roller 34 and \*\*\*\*\* of the manuscript 5a of one sheet is completed, the separate roller 6 takes, as for the surroundings, the one-way clutch 11 is cut, and the pickup arms 7 and 8 go up. And if the back end of the manuscript 5a separates from the separate roller 6, the one-way clutch 11 will be connected again, the pickup arms 7 and 8 will march in, it will descend to a position, and \*\*\*\*\* of the manuscript 5a will be performed. the manuscripts 5a and 5a in which this work constitutes the manuscript bunch 5 -- it is repeated until ... is lost (Step 104).

[0024]DS (manuscript detection) sensor is allocated in the pickup roller 9 side of the sheet feeding device 2, and the existence of the manuscript on a supply tray (inner guide 41) is detected by this DS sensor. If \*\*\*\*\* of the manuscript bunch 5 is completed and the last manuscript is conveyed into ADF device 1, DS sensor will be in an OFF state. Then, the regulating member 23 is made into an ON state, and regulation of the shutter 21 is canceled (Step 105). Subsequently, the driving shaft 4 reverse-rotates to the manuscript feed direction, for this reason, the one-way clutch 11 is cut, and the pickup arms 7 and 8 start a rise. The pickup arms 7 and 8 pass through the mid-position in the middle of the rise, and said engaging member 17 engages with said piece 22 of engaging of clutch. Since there is no regulation of the drive member 19 by the regulating member 23 unlike the state of Step 104, the pickup arms 7 and 8 go up further, and the shutter 21 also interlocks and they descend. Eventually, as shown in drawing 1 and drawing 5, the pickup arms 7 and 8 arrive at the best position, and the shutter 21 arrives at a regulated position (Step 106).

[0025]And if the pickup arms 7 and 8 are located in the best position and the shutter 21 is located in a regulated position, it will change the regulating member 23 into an OFF state, and the shutter 21 will be again regulated in the rise and fall as well as a state of Step 101 (Step 107). Thereby, a new manuscript bunch is dashed against the shutter 21, and can be set now.

[0026]

[Effect of the Invention]The separate roller arranged on the driving shaft like the Claim 1 description, and the pickup arm provided by using this driving shaft as a fulcrum so that rotation is possible, The pickup roller provided at the tip of this pickup arm so that rotation is possible, It is the sheet feeding device provided with the shutter provided from the regulated position which is located in the middle of said pickup roller and said separate roller, and

regulates the tip of a manuscript so that rocking is possible, Provide the drive member which drives a shutter and, [ this drive member ] Since linkage with a pickup arm and a shutter is canceled and it was made to raise a shutter by an elastic member when the position which is interlocked with a pickup arm and descends a shutter was operated when there is no manuscript, and there was a manuscript, A rotation fulcrum is provided in the pickup roller side, and the rotation fulcrum of a shutter can be provided in the position which the rotation space of a shutter can secure enough, constituting so that it may go up, while a shutter separates from a manuscript tip. It can constitute so that a pickup arm and a shutter may be engaged or engaging of clutch may separate with the up-and-down rocking position of a pickup arm. For this reason, a pickup arm can fall, width can change with the thickness of the inserted manuscript bunch, and generating with poor regulation that the shutter always interlocked with a pickup arm by engaging of clutch does not fully descend can be prevented.

[0027] Since the regulating member which regulates rotation of said shutter like the Claim 2 description was provided, a manuscript can be prevented from a shutter descending in the middle of conveyance of a manuscript, and getting damaged. When opening the cover of an ADF device, it can change into the state where the shutter was locked, and jam removing operation etc. can be performed, without a shutter becoming obstructive also in the time of generating of a paper jam.

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